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November 2024

NCECC: St. Michael

Hello NCECC: St. Michael Families,

Our parent-teacher conferences will be held November 20th - 22th. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to update you on his/her progress and their school activities. We look forward to seeing all of our families at one of our conference nights. Your communication with us is very important as well.

As we enter into November please remember your child's class does continue to go outside during the day and we know sooner or later the white stuff will be falling. Please remember to bring jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens.

God bless your Thanksgiving holiday!

Sarah Welch,
Site Director
NCECC: St. Michael

Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

All Saints Day Celebration - Friday, November 1

NCECC: St. Michael will welcome NCES: St. Anne 5th Graders on Friday, November 1 help us get to know and understand some of the saints. We look forward to the 5th Grade class joining us for a morning full of stories and activities.



Winter Wonderland Auction - Saturday, November 16

If you signed up for Winter Wonderland, don't forget to hire a babysitter that night so you can attend Newman's largest annual fundraiser.

No School Days - Preschool & 4K Programs

- **Wednesday, November 27** - 4K AM and PM sessions are not meeting
- **Thursday, November 28** - 4K AM, 4K PM, and Preschool sessions are not meeting.
- **Friday, November 29** - 4K AM, 4K PM, and Preschool sessions are not meeting.



No Licensed Child Care Services

The Early Childhood Center will be closed Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Early Childhood Center will reopen as scheduled on Monday, December 2.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall parent-teacher conferences will be held at NCECC: St. Michael for each program as follows:

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| • Wednesday, November 20 | 4 pm to 6 pm | Preschool, and 4K Conferences |
| • Thursday, November 21 | 4 pm to 6 pm | LCC , Preschool, and 4K Conferences |
| • Friday, November 22 | 4 pm to 6 pm | LCC , Preschool, and 4K Conferences |

A handout was sent home on blue paper on Tuesday, October 29 for families to request conference times. **Conferences are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis based on how the slips are returned.** Finalized conference schedules will be sent to those that scheduled a conference the week of Monday, November 13. Student attendance at conferences is optional.

Friday Spirit Days

Every Friday show your Newman Catholic Schools pride by wearing NCS spirit wear or school colors (Red and Columbia Blue).

Student Extra Clothes

Please make sure your student(s) have **at least** one full set of clothes - including something to wear on their feet - in case of an accident. If your child was sent home in close from the Early Childhood Center Supply, please make sure those are laundered and returned to your child's teacher in a timely manner.

"List of Classrooms" Options on Auto Attendant

Families are welcome to leave voicemails with Ms. Sarah and Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office, however, as they are occasionally in classrooms filling in for teachers, we wanted to remind parents of the "List of Classrooms" option through our Auto Attendant at the main number (715 - 848 - 0206).

By selecting option 3 - "List of Classrooms" - you are taken to a new menu to select an option to get to your child's classroom.

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO LEAVE A MESSAGE IF YOU GET SOMEONE'S VOICEMAIL. As much as we all would love to, staff are not always able to get to the phone when it rings due to other responsibilities.

Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael (continued)

Licensed Child Care Family Mailboxes / Document Dropbox

Each family enrolled in licensed child care has a mailbox (example picture at right) outside the Early Childhood Center Office by Ms. Marie's window. Any paper handouts from the Early Childhood Center Office will be placed in a family's mailbox. Please check your mailbox daily and return any forms in a timely manner.



The mailboxes are for **OUTGOING** items from the Early Childhood Center Office. Items being returned to the Early Childhood Center Office can be returned:

- By giving them directly to your child's teacher for them to bring to the Early Childhood Center Office.
- By giving them directly to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie.
- In the blue document dropbox (example picture at right) outside Ms. Marie's window by the Early Childhood Center Office. The document dropbox is always locked. Only Ms. Sarah and Ms. Marie from the Early Childhood Center Office have keys to unlock it.



Security Door Reminders

Thank you to all of the families that chose to get items assigned to them to use during the school year.

If your family did not yet get items assigned to you to use, please talk to either Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office. Items are assigned to families **upon request**, not upon enrollment. NCECC: St. Michael policy allows for a maximum of two (2) items to be assigned to a family to use. Additional items are assigned for special circumstances at the discretion of the Early Childhood Center Office.

If you choose to not request door card or fobs for your family, we appreciate your patience at the door. When Ms. Sarah and Ms. Marie are away from the Early Childhood Center Office, the doors are manned by a program on a tablet that runs off of WiFi. Should there be problems with the WiFi, there then may be problems with the program's responsiveness on the tablet. **Please make sure you wait for the light to turn from red to green AND you hear the sound of the door unlatching before trying to open the door.**

Food From Home

Please remember that any food or drink items in a classroom for a child not provided by NCECC: St. Michael needs to have a documented reason for WHY that item is in the classroom. The original copy of the note is kept in the student's file with copies of that note given to both the Kitchen and the appropriate classrooms.

There are very few exceptions to bringing in food or drinks for your child WITHOUT documentation. They are:

- Breastmilk (Little Lambs licensed child care classroom)
- Infant food (Little Lambs licensed child care classroom).
- Items brought in for a classroom birthday treat or other classroom celebration.
- Cold lunches (on designated "Sack Lunch" days).

Items that do not have a documented note on file will be returned to the parent to take back home. No exceptions. Bringing in a food or drink item so a child can have additional options because they are a picky eater is not a valid exception. If a representative of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) were to be onsite doing an audit or classroom observation and saw the undocumented food, our program could be written up as being non-compliant.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the NCECC: St. Michael grandparents for their wonderful support during our Grandparents Day celebration on October 18.

Your generous donation of time is appreciated!



NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

IMMEDIATE NEED - 4K Teacher (permanent replacement for Ms. Franki or long-term sub to replace Ms. Franki)

- ◆ Full time from approximately 7:45 am to 3:00 pm.
- ◆ Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

Child Care Teachers - Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided. We're looking for:

- ◆ Second teacher in the Noah's Ark classroom (3 years to 4 years).
- ◆ Second teacher in the Young Disciples classroom (4 years to 5 years).
- ◆ Additional "float" teacher(s) to help support the needs of all classrooms (6 weeks to 6 years).

If you have questions or are interested in any of these positions, please contact Sarah Welch, NCECC: St. Michael Site Director at 715 - 848 - 0206 option 2 or swelch@newmancatholicschools.com.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

St. Michael Parish Employment Opportunity

St. Michael Parish is looking for a custodian for the NCECC: St. Michael building. If you are interested please contact the St. Michael Parish Office at 715-842-4283.

Volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael

If you are interested in volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael please reach out to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office for the appropriate forms from the Diocese of La Crosse that need to be completed. The background check can take up to two (2) weeks to clear, so please make sure you complete the online training and forms sooner rather than later.

- 1) Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ([Link to online portion](#)).
 - ** When selecting the "School", select "Newman Catholic Schools".
 - ** When selecting a "Position", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or both. Please be specific.
- 2) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check & Authorization for Release of FBI Information" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).
 - ** Under "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer" or Field Trip Chaperone".
 - ** **All blanks must be completed or the background check will not be run, therefore preventing you from volunteering.**

At the bottom of the form:

- ** Parish / School - Newman Catholic Schools
- ** Parish / School Contact Person - hr@newmancatholicschools.com
- ** City/Unified System - Wausau / Newman Catholic Schools
- ** Contact Phone Number - 715-845-5735



- 3) Complete the "Annual Verification of Protect and Heal Training" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).
- 4) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Employee and Volunteer Confidential Questionnaire" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).

Paper copies of the three website PDF's are available from the Early Childhood Center Office.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office.

Upcoming events extra hands will be appreciated at are:

- NCECC: St. Michael Preschool & 4K Christmas Program - currently scheduled for Monday, December 2.
- NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Yearbook Committee (March / April 2024)
- NCECC: St. Michael and NCES: St. Anne Spring Fling (April 2024)

Classroom News

Little Lambs

In the month of November the children will be learning about manners, family, Turkeys and Thanksgiving. Just a reminder, LCC will be closed Thursday and Friday November 28-29th for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

Little Angels

There is a new addition to the curriculum for our school this year, a program called "Second Step". It is designed to help students gain important social and emotional skills. The program is being used throughout all of the Newman Catholic School system, unifying the teaching efforts and ensuring consistency of the materials being presented to the students. The program's visual aids include a handy carry-along Calm Down / Play Fair card, emotion flash cards, and a poster depicting emotions displayed by real children, who's ages are reflected in the classroom. The skills are built upon as the children progress, learning to practice them and gaining success as they go.

Our themes for November are: Thanksgiving, Thankful, and Kindness. Some of our activities include: reading "Feast for Ten", writing "Thank You" cards, and playing "Run, Turkey, Run".

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones! May God bless you all.

Ms. Gabriela and Ms. Rachel

Rainbow

In the Rainbow room this month, we will be focusing on all things Thanksgiving related, such as food, friends, and family. With the weather getting chilly, please remember to switch out the summer clothes for some winter clothes.

Newman will be closed November 28 & 29 for the holiday.

Ms. Liz and Ms. Pa



Noah's Ark

Happy November Everyone! It is the month to be grateful and thankful for what we have. I am thankful to have such a great family and amazing kiddos in Noah's Ark! We will be having a thankful party this month. More information to come.

Learning Focus:
Thanksgiving, kindness and being thankful

Our Math focus will be patterning and colors

Important Dates:

Nov. 21-22nd Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 21-Picture Retake Day

Nov. 26-Noah's Ark Thankful Day Party

Nov. 28-29 Center Closed

Remember the weather is changing and the leaves are falling, our weather is sadly getting colder! Please remember to send your child with a jacket, hat and mittens

Ms. Maddy

Young Disciples

Hello and welcome to a new month, it's crazy that in one month it will be Christmas. This year is flying by. This month we will talk about What we are thankful for. We will also be talking about Thanksgiving and how it started. We will end the month talking about Kindness and doing some kind gestures. We will continue writing letters, names and words and writing numbers. I hope you all have a Blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends and continue to celebrate being thankful and kind.

Happy Thanksgiving
Ms. Paula

Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

In the month of November preschool will be exploring the season of fall and the holiday of Thanksgiving! We will be working on name recognition and learning the letters in our name and the order they are in. We will be working on our pen control and hand grip when coloring and writing and will begin to practice tracing our names. We will continue to learn about the parts of a book when we read stories together. When we approach Thanksgiving we will have conversations about things in our life that we are thankful for.

Ms. Monica

4K AM & PM

Hello parents!

Happy November! It's hard to believe the end of 2024 is almost here, this year has been packed full with new adventures and opportunities! As many of you know from the introduction letter I sent home, I am stepping in as the temporary 4K teacher! I've worked with NCECC since June which has made the transition into this position very easy for both the kids and myself. Working with these kids has been a blast so far and I'm super excited for what's to come!

In November, the students and I will be discussing:

- Community workers (police, fire, medic, trash collection, etc.)
- What it means to be kind and helpful to others
- Eating foods that are good for our bodies
- Being physically active

I'm trying to plan how to incorporate Show and Tell opportunities within our short days so that the students can share important aspects about themselves with their classmates and friends, and with me as well! I will keep everyone updated about what day and frequency would work best for our daily routine, so keep an eye/ear out for updates!

Some quick parent reminders:

- If your child is coming to school in a skirt or dress, please remember to put shorts or leggings on underneath!
- With the cold weather creeping in, please bring hats, gloves/mittens, and jackets for them to wear outside, along with appropriate footwear
- Library books are due each week by Thursday, so please make sure their book is in their backpack ready to go by then!

Thank you all for welcoming me into this position with open arms! Have a great November!

~ Ms. Frank

Preschool & 4K Activity Fee Payment Reminder

If you have not already paid your annual activity fee for the 2024 - 2025 school year, please make sure you do so.

- **Preschool Families** - your annual fee is \$80.00 and goes towards helping cover the cost of the snack provided to the students.
- **4K Families** - your annual fee is \$40.00 and goes towards helping cover the cost of both the snack provided to the students and two of the potential four field trips coordinated by the Wausau School District for the students.

Due to how we need to track the payments, we only can accept cash or check payments for this fee. We are unable to put the fee in eFunds to be paid with credit card. Checks should be made payable to "NCECC: St. Michael".

If you have questions on this, please reach out to either Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office.

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United States Department of Agriculture

Growing a Healthier Future With the CACFP

Every day, more than 4 million children get meals and snacks through USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Thanks to recent updates to the CACFP meal patterns, you now have even more opportunities to help kids get the nutrition they need to **learn, grow, and play**.



Fueling Up With Veggies

Fewer than 10% of 4- to 8-year-olds eat enough vegetables.



Vegetables and fruits are now two separate components at lunch, supper, and snack. This means you can serve vegetables and fruits more often and help kids develop a taste for healthy foods from the start.

Starting Kids Early With Whole Grains

Kids ages 1 to 13 years old eat up to twice the amount of refined grains that they should, but not enough whole grains.



Now kids are more likely to get whole grain-rich* foods at least once a day. Whole grains give kids vitamins, minerals, and fiber to help them be strong and healthy.



Lowering Added Sugars



On average, kids 9 to 13 years old eat between 17 to 22 teaspoons of added sugars every day.

By limiting sugar in yogurts and cereals, and not counting cookies, cakes and other grain-based desserts toward the grains requirements, meals served in CACFP will give kids the chance to try—and like—new, healthy foods.



Baby Talk: Updates to the Infant Meal Patterns

The updated infant meal patterns support the health of CACFP's youngest participants by:

- Reimbursing meals when moms breastfeed onsite
- Including a wider variety of foods for babies to try during their first year of life

*Whole grain-rich foods are foods containing 100% whole grains or that contain at least 50% whole grains and the remaining grains in the food are enriched.

Sources:

<https://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/>

https://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2007-10/table_a06.html

https://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2007-10/table_a40.html



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<https://teamnutrition.usda.gov>

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SCRIP NEWS



Check out the mobile app for scrip on your smartphone: RaiseRight. Available in the App Store or Google Play. Use your same log in as the RaiseRight website.



Download our RaiseRight mobile app



New to scrip? Find the instructional video at newmancatholicschools.com, click on scrip. Please call or email scrip@newmancatholicschools.com for the NCS enrollment code.

Kwik Trip 20% Rebate Grocery Only Gift Cards and 10% Rebate Gas Cards are available.

**New Customer: Tidal Wave Auto Spa
\$10 gift cards - 50% Rebate
\$10 gift card good for Graph X4 car wash**

Scrip Hours
Monday 9:00-4:00
Thursday 9:00-4:00

Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.



The following businesses can be special ordered on local Scrip order weeks. Please plan accordingly:

Bennett Massage Therapy
Brickner's of Wausau Menke Auto
Evolutions in Design Northstar Restoration

November 2024 Scrip Hours

Friday November 1 Closed

Monday November 4 9:00-4:00

Tuesday November 5 Closed

Wednesday November 6 Closed

Thursday November 7 9:00-4:00

Friday November 8 Closed

****Local Scrip Order Week - Only one this month due to Thanksgiving!****

Monday November 11 9:00-4:00

Tuesday November 12 Closed

Wednesday November 13 Closed

Thursday November 14 9:00-4:00

Friday November 15 Closed

Monday November 18 9:00-4:00

Tuesday November 19 Closed

Wednesday November 20 Closed

Thursday November 21 9:00 - 4:00

Friday November 22 Closed

Monday November 25 9:00-4:00

Tuesday November 26 Closed

Wednesday November 27 Closed

Thursday November 28 **Closed - Thanksgiving**



Friday November 29 Closed

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NCECC: St. Michael Calendar

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors) NCES: St. Anne 5th Grade visits classrooms.	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	4	5	6	7	8 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	16 NCS Winter Wonderland @ Hilton Garden Inn
17	18	19	20	21 Picture Retakes Day	22 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	23
<div>Parent Teacher Conferences (see page 2)</div>						
24	25	26	27 NO SCHOOL 4K AM and PM Sessions LCC services still available.	28 <div>  </div>	29	30
<div>Closed for Thanksgiving</div>						

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS

- 1) Go to the Newman website (www.newmancatholicschools.com).
- 2) Under "About", click "Calendars".
- 3) On the "Academic" calendars tab; click the grey RSS icon. If you wish to subscribe to lunch menu calendars, click "Lunch Menus" then click the grey RSS icon.
- 4) In the "Calendar Feeds" box; click the green "ICAL" button to the right of the calendar you wish to subscribe to. Select the appropriate option for your device.



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RESPECT the learning environment
yourself and others

INTEGRITY wins

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GRATITUDE is key

Newman Catholic Schools fosters disciples of Christ through
Catholic faith, service and academics.